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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS  
PRACTICAL SKILL  
HEMORRHAGE CONTROL  
BANDAGING**

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<b>Purpose:</b>		<b>Indications:</b>	
To control bleeding from an open wound To prevent further contamination of an open wound		Patients who present with bleeding, open wounds	
<b>Advantages:</b>	<b>Disadvantages:</b>	<b>Complications:</b>	<b>Contraindications:</b>
Prevents further blood loss Decreases opportunities for wound contamination	Obscures view of wound Continued hemorrhage into a bulky dressing may go unrecognized	Injury to surrounding soft tissue Circumferential bandage may become venous tourniquet if soft tissue swelling occurs	None

